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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

The outstanding Office action mailed September 22, 2005 restricted the claims pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121 between:

Group I Claims 1-20, 33, 36-42, 49
Group II Claims 21-32, 34, 35, 43, 45
Group III Claims 44, 46-48, 50-73.

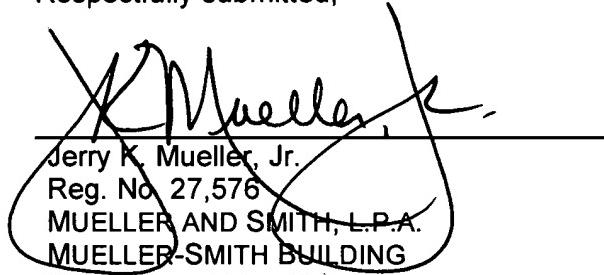
Applicants respectfully elect to initially prosecute the Group I claims with traverse and without prejudice to filing divisional applications on the non-elected claims.

The Examiner justifies the restriction requirement stating that the intermediate and final products also are useful in adhesive coating applications. The flaw in this logic is that it assumes that the composition of Group I functions other than as an adhesive in the intermediate product in the Group II claims and in the preferred final product in the Group III claims. Obviously, the composition of the Group I claims has adhesive properties in order for it to be used in forming a laminate. Thus, the Examiner attempts to justify the restriction of dependent claims based on a property that is present and used in both the intermediate and final products being claims in the Group II and Group III claims, respectively.

This is especially true since even the title and opening paragraph under the background section extol the adhesive properties that the inventive thermoset compositions possess. Restriction the composition based on the degree of cure of a thermoset composition, vis-à-vis, curable, partially cured, and fully cured as a laminate, makes little sense to Applicants.

Applicants submit that the restriction requirement is improper and its withdrawal, then, respectfully is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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